

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-10-21**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 20, 2003  
Commission Meeting: October 21, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Corporation      Docket D2000.6.80 (Kate)

On October 2, 2003, Qwest submitted amendments to Exhibit B of the Qwest Statement of Generally Available Terms & Conditions (SGAT) pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Exhibit B is comprised entirely of the Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs) that are used to evaluate Qwest's service to its local service competitors. In this filing, Qwest proposes revisions to the OP-3 (installation commitments met) and OP-5 (new service installation quality) PIDs. The OP-5 proposal is a major rewrite of this PID and was the subject of numerous discussions in the Long Term PID Administration (LTPA) collaborative group. The LTPA participants, who are representatives of Qwest, various competitive local carriers, and state

commission staffs, approved the revised OP-5 PID in August. The OP-3 revision is a minor change to reflect there is no longer a different standard for this PID's line sharing measurement in Colorado. Qwest requests: (1) the commission approve the amended Exhibit B effective November 1, 2003; and (2) the commission deem the amended Exhibit B to modify the SGAT and existing interconnection agreements that currently contain the PIDs as an exhibit.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2003.10.144 - Mooseweb Communications – Petition for arbitration with Citizens / Frontier Communications pursuant to the 1996 Act and PSC rules. (10/21/03)
2. D2003.8.120 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Notice of withdrawal of application. (10/21/03)
3. NorthWestern Energy – Placeholder to discuss any matter related to the bankruptcy. (10/21/03)
4. Energy and Telecom Interim Committee's request for PSC legislative proposals. (10/21/03)

**Other Meetings**

**October 24, 2003 9:00 a.m. – Governor's Task Force (tentative)**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at

<http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Docket No. N2003.10.145 (Scott)

On October 8, 2003, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 03-14. In this filing MCI is making textual changes to Option DDD-Basic Calling Plan AAA.

2. Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2003.10.148 (Scott)

On October 7, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-29, Clarifying Eligibility for Tribal Lifeline Support. This filing is being made to comply with FCC Order No. 03-115, which clarifies consumer eligibility criteria for receiving Tribal Lifeline support. This updated intrastate Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) tariff language broadens the tariff to include a Tribal lifeline eligibility statement to as follows: "Tribal Lifeline support is provided to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established within the state guidelines for the Low-Income Telephone Assistance program as shown in 5.2.6.A."

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

#### **New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2003.10.145 - MCI – Transmittal Letter No. 03-14 Textual Change to Option DDD – Basic Calling Plan AAA  
 D2003.10.146 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change  
 D2003.10.147 – CenturyTel – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement  
 N2003.10.148 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 03-29 Clarifying Eligibility for Tribal Lifeline Support  
 N2003.10.149 – Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 03-30 - Discounted Rates for Volume and / or Term Commitments  
 D2003.10.150 – PSC Initiated – Notice of Inquiry ADR  
 D2003.7.97 – NorthWestern Energy – November Monthly Gas Cost Rate Adjustment  
 D2003.8.115 – NorthWestern Energy – November Monthly Electric Supply Cost Rate Adjustment  
 Energy West will not have a monthly tracker for the month of November